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Religious Ministry Support

1. **Summary.** This Directive:

a. Establishes policy and procedures for the United States European Command (USEUCOM) Chaplain's Office.

b. Describes and assigns responsibilities.

2. **Applicability.** Provisions of this Directive are applicable to all elements of USEUCOM, including the component commands and their subordinate activities, within the USCINCEUR area of responsibility as defined in JCS Pub 3 (C).

3. **Suggested Improvements.** The proponent for this publication is the United States European Command Chaplain's Office (ECCH). All recommendations for changes should be sent to:

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5. **References.**

a. DOD Directive, 1300.17, Accommodation of Religious Practices Within the Military."

b. JCS Pub 1-05, Religious Ministry Support For Joint Operations.

c. ED 20-1, HQ USEUCOM Organization and Functions.

6. **Policies.**

a. Free exercise of religion is a basic principle of our country and it is guaranteed by the First Amendment to the US Constitution. The Department of Defense places a high value on the rights of members of the Armed Forces to observe the tenets of their respective religions. It is DOD policy that requests for accommodation of religious practices be approved by commanders when accommodation will not have an adverse impact on military readiness, unit cohesion, standards, or discipline.

b. The Command Chaplain's Office (ECCH) is established as a Staff Office under direction, authority, and control of the Command Chaplain.

c. The mission of ECCH is to advise the Commander in Chief on matters within the European Command Area of Responsibility relating to: free exercise of religion throughout the command; religious ministry support coordination for USEUCOM joint and multinational operational requirements; deliberate planning and training with United States Component chaplain personnel, and the chaplaincies of NATO countries; quantity and quality of religious care/support

provided to USEUCOM personnel and their families emphasizing those serving in remote and isolated locations; interchange of information and resources with central/eastern European and African countries as they develop/reestablish their military chaplaincies; and dialogue with chaplaincies of neutral European countries.

7. **Responsibilities.**

a. USCINCEUR Command Chaplain will:

(1) Serve as principal adviser to Commander, USCINCEUR on matters of religion, ethics, and morals.

(2) Recommend policy to the Commander on the provision of ministry and religious ministry support activities within the theater.

(3) Develop religious ministry support annexes for operation, contingency, concept summary, and exercise plans.

(4) Coordinate religious ministry with Service component command chaplains to ensure provision of religious ministry to all military and other authorized personnel.

(5) Identify joint training objectives for chaplains, religious support personnel, and lay readers or lay leaders serving in the theater.

(6) Coordinate logistic support for religious ministries within theater.

(7) Review and coordinate inter-Service agreements between components.

(8) Provide for pastoral care to US personnel in the USEUCOM AOR serving in remote and isolated locations.

(9) Provide for military to military professional interchange between NATO and other military chaplaincies throughout the theater.

b. Component Command Chaplains will:

(1) Serve as the principal adviser to the Service Component Commander on matters of religion,

ethics, and morals.

(2) Provide religious ministry to all personnel assigned to the Service Component.

(3) Develop religious ministry support annexes that support joint force plans.

(4) Implement religious ministry support doctrines, policies, and procedures of the Service Commander.

(5) Provide religious ministry support training for joint operations to chaplains and enlisted religious support personnel.

(6) Develop and monitor a system of logistic support for religious activities within their Service.

(7) Advise USCINCEUR Command Chaplain on all professional matters concerning the provision of religious ministry support affecting joint commands.

(8) Provide temporary liaison personnel to the USCINCEUR Command Chaplain to support specific operational requirements.

(9) Develop all inter-Service support agreements and Memorandums of Understanding which provide for religious ministry support by their Service to other Services.

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